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OF THE

Louisiana Conference,

M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH,

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION,

BATON ROUGE, LA., DECEMBER 10–15, 1879.

BISHOP JOHN C. KEENER, PRESIDING.

JOHN T. SAWYER, SECRETARY.

NEW ORLEANS:
LATHROP & WILKINS, 112 CAMP STREET.
1880.

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MINUTES

OF THE

LOUISIANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OF THE

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.

DECEMBER 10–15, 1879.

The Thirty-Fourth Session of the Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was held in the Methodist Church at Baton Rouge, La., beginning on Wednesday, December 10, 1879; Bishop John C. Keener in the chair.

The daily sessions were held from 9 A. M. to 1:30 P. M., and were opened with religious exercises, conducted by the Bishop and various members of the Conference.

John T. Sawyer was elected Secretary, and Lewis A. Reed, as his assistant.

The following members were present during the Session:

CLERICAL—Linus Parker, Jos. B. Walker, John Hannon, John Mathews, Lewis A. Reed, S. H. Werlein, John T. Sawyer, A. G. Miller, T. K. Faunt LeRoy, James A. Ivy, B. F. Alexander, J. M. Brown, J. L. Wright, C. W. Carter, J. M. McKee, N. S. Cornell, C. R. Benson, Thos S. Randle, Philip Allen, A. M. Wailes, Henry O. White, T. H. McClendon, James A. Parker, Robert Parvin, John A. Miller, Thos J. Upton, A. A. Cornett, R. T. Parish, John F. Patterson, Robert Randle, Joel T. Daves, J. M.

Johnston, John Pipes, George M. Liverman, John B. Cassity, Thos. J. Hough, W. D. Stayton, Christian Keener, W. R. Whately, R. S. Trippett, C. W. Hodge, R. S. Isbell, George Jackson, F. G. Hocutt, Patrick Galvin, J. D. Harper, M. C. Manly, John F. Wynn, Baxter Clegg, Enos B. Foust, John V. Pointer, Jas. J. Billingsly, W. J. Picot, Alfred E. Clay, J. F. Scurlock, B. F. White.

LAY—William H. Foster, W. H. N. Magruder, B. O. L. Rayne, Rev. Thos. J. Carver, Dr. A. S. Helmick, E. W. Wailes, Rev. C. T. Munholland, A. C. Calhoun, Dr. W. E. Walker.

On the nomination of the Presiding Elders, Conference elected the following Standing Committees, viz:

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORSHIP.

Linus Parker, John T. Sawyer and W. H. N. Magruder.

COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

William H. Foster, J. M. Brown and J. F. Scurlock.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Joel T. Daves, N. S. Cornell, James. A. Parker, R. S. Isbell, W. E. Walker, W. H. N. Magruder, A. C. Calhoun.

COMMITTEE ON CHURCH PUBLICATIONS.

J. B. Walker, T. H. McClendon, R. T. Parish, T. J. Hough, F. G. Hocutt, Baxter Clegg, B. O. L. Rayne.

COMMITTEE ON BIBLE CAUSE.

R. S. Trippett, T. K. Faunt LeRoy, J. B. Cassity.

COMMITTEE ON MEMOIRS.

Jas. L. Wright, Thos. J. Upton, M. C. Manly.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

John Pipes, Robert Parvin, and T. J. Carver.

The regular Disciplinary questions were taken up and answered as follows:

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. Albert Taylor Galloway, Charles Frederick Stivers, John W. Chambers, Jeptha Landrum, Charles T. Munholland.

Q. 2. Who remain on trial?

A. James M. Beard, Samuel Keener, Robert M. Blocker, John L. P. Sheppard.

Q. 3. Who are discontinued?

A. James A. Biggs.

Q. 4. Who are admitted into full connection?

A. Patrick Galvin, John B. Cassity, John T. Graham.

Q. 5. Who are re-admitted?

A. None.

Q. 6. Who are received by transfer?

A. None.

Q. 7. Who are deacons of one year?

A. S. H. Werlein, T. K. Faunt LeRoy, Charles R. Benson, Thos. J. Hough, A. M. Wailes.

Q. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons?

A. Patrick Galvin, John B. Cassity, John T. Graham.

Q. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?

A. By Bishop John C. Keener, after the 11 A. M. sermon in the Methodist Church, in Baton Rouge, La., December 14, 1879, Patrick Galvin, John T. Graham.

Q. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons?

A. Chas. T. Munholland, W. T. St. John, D. B. Cargill, John P. McFarland.

Q. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons?

A. By Bishop John C. Keener, after 11 A. M. sermon in the Methodist Church, in Baton Rouge, La., December 14, 1879, Chas. T. Munholland, and W. T. St. John.

Q. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders?

A. Wm. R. Whately.

Q. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders?

A. By Bishop John C. Keener, after the 3 P. M. sermon in the Methodist Church, in Baton Rouge, La., December 14, 1879, Wm. R. Whately.

Q. 14. What local preachers are elected elders?

A. None.

Q. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders?

A. None.

Q. 16. Who are located this year?

A. J. M. Franklin, at his own request.

Q. 17. Who are supernumerary this year?

A. A. G. Miller, Fred. White.

Q. 18. Who are superannuated this year?

A. H. C. Thweatt, John S. Davis, W. E. Doty, E. W. Yancy, Philo. M. Goodwyn, Joel Saunders, Philip H. Diffenweirth, J. C. Reid, Jesse Fulton, George Jackson.

Q. 19. What preachers have died during the past year?

A. James E. Cobb.

Q. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their lives and official administration?

A. Their names were called, one by one, and their characters were examined and passed.

Q. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several stations, circuits and missions of the Conference?

A. Local Preachers..... 77
Members, white.....14,391
Members, colored 51

Total.....14,519
Last year.....14,393

Increase 126

For details see Table of Statistics.

Q. 22. What is the number of infants baptized this year?

A. This year 833
Last year 693

Increase 140

For details see Table of Statistics.

Q. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year?

A. This year 873
Last year 616

Increase 257

For details see Table of Statistics.

Q. 24. What is the number of Sunday Schools?

A. This year 131
Last year 113

Increase 18

For details see Table of Statistics.

Q. 25. What is the number of Sunday School Teachers?

A. This year 833
Last year 755

Increase 78

For details see Table of Statistics.

Q. 26. What is the number of Sunday School Scholars?

A. This year 5962
Last year 5214

Increase 748

For details see Table of Statistics.

Q. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?

A. $4530

Q. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?

A. $2,350 45, and paid pro rata to claimants.

Q. 29. What has been contributed for Missions?

A. For Foreign Missions.....$2,246 27
Last year..... 2,256 82

Decrease.....$ 10 55

For Domestic Missions..... 1,193 67
Last year..... 892 73

Increase .....$ 300 94

Q. 30. Where shall the next Session of the Conference be held?

A. Shreveport, La.

Q. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

Answer:

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.....LINUS PARKER, P. E.
Carondelet Street.....Jos. B. Walker.
Felicity Street.....John Hannon.
St. Charles Avenue.....John Mathews.
Moreau Street.....J. M. Beard.
Louisiana Avenue.....Christian Keener.
Algiers.....Lewis A. Reed.
Lafourche Mission.....To be supplied.
Baton Rouge.....John T. Sawyer.
A. G. Miller, Supernumerary.
Plaquemine and Gross Tête.....T. K. Faunt LeRoy.
Editor of N. O. Christian Advocate...Linus Parker.
S. W. Bible Society.....Jas. A. Ivy, Agent.

DELHI DISTRICT.....B. F. ALEXANDER, P. E.
Trenton, Monroe and Delhi.....C. W. Carter.
Colly and Fork's Chapel.....C. W. Hodge.
Bastrop.....J. M. McKee.
Lind Grove.....A. A. Cornett.
Oak Ridge.....R. S. Trippett.
Rayville.....N. S. Cornell.
Winnsboro.....Philip Allen.
Waterproof, Vidalia and St. Joseph..Jas. L. Wright.
Tensas Circuit.....J. Landrum.
Tensas Chapel.....A. M. Wailes.
Lake Providence and Pecan Grove...Henry O. White.
Floyd.....T. H. McClendon.

HOMER DISTRICT.....J. H. STONE, P. E.
Homer.....Jas. A. Parker.
Tulip.....Thos. J. Upton.
Haynesville.....John A. Miller.
Minden.....J. E. Bradley.
Sparta.....R. M. Crowson.
Arcadia.....Jas. J. Billingsly.
Vernon.....J. M. Brown.
Indian Village.....R. T. Parish.
Rochester.....To be supplied.
Downsville.....R. Parvin.
Farmerville.....J. F. Patterson.
Webster.....To be supplied.

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.....ROBERT RANDLE, P. E.
Shreveport.....Joel T. Daves.
Mooringsport.....T. S. Randle.
Caddo.....G. M. Liverman.
Logansport Mission.....John Pipes.
Mansfield.....J. Lane Borden.
Pleasant Hill.....W. D. Stayton.
Natchitoches.....Thos. J. Hough.
Natchitoches Circuit.....R. M. Blocker.
Anacoco.....To be supplied.
Springville.....A. T. Galloway.
Coushatta.....J. B. Cassity.
South Bossier,.....J. W. Medlock.
North Bossier.....R. A. Davis.
Many Circuit.....To be supplied by J A Monroe.
Cotile.....To be supplied.
Lone Oak.....To be supplied.

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT.....FELIX G. HOCUTT, P. E.
Alexandria and Pineville.....J. D. Harper.
Rapides Circuit.....S. U. Whately, supply.
Montgomery Circuit.....William Hart.
Harrisonburg and Trinity.....C. R. Godfrey.
Sicily Island and Bœuff Prairie.....W. R. Whately.
Genan Circuit.....C. R. Benson.
Columbia.....R. S. Isbell.
Castor.....C. T. Munholland.
Bayou Bœuff and Evergreen.....J. L. P. Sheppard and Chas. F. Stivers. F. White, Supernumerary.
Spring Creek.....Silas H. Cooper.
Simsport.....Patrick Galvin.

OPELOUSAS DISTRICT.....J. M. JOHNSTON, P. E.
Opelousas.....M. C. Manly.
Washington.....John F. Wynn.
Vermilionville.....Baxter Clegg.
Plaquemine Brulée.....Jno. V. Pointer.
Abbeville.....Enos B. Foust.
New Iberia.....Alfred E. Clay.
Attakapas French Mission.....W. J. Picot.
Franklin.....B. F. White.
Pattersonville and Morgan City.....Samuel Keener.
Lake Charles.....J. F. Scurlock.
Sugar Town.....Jno. W. Hearn.
Calcasieu Mission.....To be supplied by J. Henning.

SUPERANNUATED—H. C. Thweatt, John S. Davis, W. E. Doty, E. W. Yancy, Philo. M. Goodwyn, Joel Saunders, Philip H. Diffenweirth, J. C. Reid, Jesse Fulton, George Jackson.

TRANSFERRED—S. Halsey Werlein to Texas Conference; John T. Graham and John W. Chambers to Mississippi Conference.

WITHDRAWN—Patrick Lane.

LOCATED—J. M. Franklin, at his own request.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.

Q. 27. What amount was assessed for superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of deceased preachers?

A. $4,530 apportioned as follows:

New Orleans District	$1,200 00	
Delhi District	700 00	
Opelousas District	600 00	
Homer District	800 00	
Shreveport District	800 00	
Alexandria District	430 00	$4,530 00

Q. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing accounts during the past year, and how has it been applied?

Answer.

By New Orleans District	$758 90	
By Delhi District	433 70	
By Homer District	250 00	
By Shreveport District	405 15	
By Alexandria District	143 00	
By Opelousas District	359 70	$2,350 45

This amount was distributed to Conference Claimants, as follows:

Rev. H. C. Thweatt	$120 00	sent by	R. Randle.
Mrs. J. D. Adams	175 00	" "	J. J. Billingsly.
Rev. J. C. Reid	320 00	" "	A. A. Cornett.
Mrs. J. H. Waters	100 00	" "	R. Randle.
Rev. J. Fulton	100 00	" "	R. Randle.
Mrs. F. Bell	90 00	" "	J. B. Walker.
Rev. J. S. Davis	175 00	" "	C. Keener.
Rev. P. H. Diffenwierth	190 00	" "	B. F. Alexander.
Mrs. J. Wilkinson	300 00	" "	C. Keener.
Rev. E. W. Yancy	175 00	" "	C. Keener.
Rev. J. Saunders	150 00	" "	R. Randle.
Orphans of C. J. Halberg	50 00	" "	J. Mathews.
Mrs. R. R. Alexander	175 00	" "	B. F. Alexander.
Mrs. P. H. Moss	100 00	" "	B. F. Alexander.
Mrs. U. Whately	130 20	" "	W. R. Whately.
Add	25		
	$2,350 45		

For details, see Table of Statistics.

APPORTIONMENTS FOR 1880.

For Conference Claimants		$4,530 00
New Orleans District	$1,480 00	
Delhi District	760 00	
Opelousas District	520 00	
Homer District	700 00	
Shreveport District	720 00	
Alexandria District	350 00	$4,530 00

BISHOPS' CLAIM.

Amount apportioned to the Conference		$800 00
Amount collected		715 10
Deficit		$ 84 90
Amounts apportioned to Districts		$800 00
New Orleans District	$300 00	
Delhi District	100 00	
Opelousas District	100 00	
Homer District	125 00	
Shreveport District	125 00	
Alexandria District	50 00	$800 00
Amounts paid by Districts		$715 10
New Orleans District	$322 45	
Delhi District	86 50	
Homer District	73 50	
Shreveport District	93 75	
Alexandria District	60 90	
Opelousas District	78 00	$715 10

For details, see Table of Statistics.

APPORTIONMENTS FOR 1880.

For Bishops' Claim		$800 00
New Orleans District	$300 00	
Delhi District	100 00	
Opelousas District	100 00	
Homer District	125 00	
Shreveport District	125 00	
Alexandria	50 00	$800 00

JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE FOR 1880.

CLERICAL.	LAY.
JOHN MATHEWS,	W. H. FOSTER,
B. F. WHITE,	Dr. W. E. WALKER,
J. B. CASSITY,	S. B. McCUTCHEON,
N. S. CORNELL,	T. C. STANDIFER,
R. S. ISBELL,	R. J. BOWMAN,
JAS. A. PARKER,	A. C. CALHOUN,

MISSIONS.

QUESTION 29. What has been collected for Missions?

ANSWER. The Conference Missionary Anniversary was held on Sunday night, December 14th, 1879. The meeting was opened with religious services, conducted by Rev. B. F. Alexander; Rev. John Mathews, D.D., President, in the chair.

The speakers of the evening were Rev. Joel T. Daves and Rev. Jos. B. Walker, D.D.

Rev. R. S. Trippett, Secretary, and Rev. C. W. Carter, D.D., Treasurer, presented their reports as follows:

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE LOUISIANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

The success which has attended our mission work in every department, and the liberal support which has been afforded to them, indicate that the prayers which have been offered on their behalf have been heard and answered. The work of the Divine Spirit is manifested in the wide-spread spiritual awakening which has gone forth like the breath of spring over the earth, and in the increased number of men and women who are employed in the mission-field The Lord gave the word, and great has been the number of laborers. The Saviour-King is riding on prosperously, and is subduing many who were His enemies, and enemies to themselves also, so that His name is becoming great among the Gentiles.

Our noble band of Missionary messengers have been, and still are God-sent men—men chosen and approved by the great Head of the Church for this important work; men who, in their personal conversion to God, being themselves turned "from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God," can testify, wherever their lot is cast—

> "What we have felt and seen,
> With confidence we tell,
> And publish to the sons of men,
> The signs infallible."

The Missionaries of our Church are all of truly apostolic stamp, not counting their lives dear unto them, so that they may fulfill their high vocation and finish their course with joy; proclaiming as with a trumpet-voice the truth which saves; testifying on the one hand against evil in its every form, and on the other, directing perishing men and women to the "Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world." Followed by the prayers, though feebly supported by the contributions, of their fellow-Christians, they have hitherto labored, amid much discouragement and opposition, cheerfully and successfully. Some, indeed, have fallen in the struggle, stricken by disease, or worn by wasting toil. Yet the Gospel has triumphed, moral wildernesses

have been reclaimed, churches and schools have been planted where only Satan reigned, and hundreds and thousands of our fellow-men have become the missionary trophies of the Cross. The glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ alone is adequate to man's moral and spiritual elevation.

The experience of nineteen centuries has demonstrated that. Its efficacy has been proven by human beings of all ages, from the lisping infant to the sinner a hundred years old. All climates have witnessed its power. From the ice-bound cliffs of Greenland to the banks of the voluptuous Ganges, the simple story of Christ crucified has proven "the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." Its effects have been the same with men of the most dissimilar conditions, from the abandoned criminal in his prison-cell to the dweller in royal palaces. It has been equally sovereign among the scattered inhabitants of the forest and the crowded population of the densest cities, when faithfully applied; for the Gospel message suits them all. No matter what is the state of man, no matter what the shape of his head, the color of his skin, or the contour of the face, or the variety of local circumstances, the message of salvation suits them all, singing in liberty, or groaning in bondage: wandering as the Arab, individualized as the Jew, effeminate as the Asiatic, prejudiced as the Chinaman, superstitious as the Foulah or the Mandingo, ignorant as the Hottentot, flesh-loving as the Fijians, warlike as the Friendly Islanders, cruel as the Turk, revengeful as the Spaniard, down-trodden as the Italian, pleasure-seeking as the Frenchman, or gold-loving as the American or Englishman—it suits them all. Let there be a fresh and full consecration of men and money to the vast design of bringing the world to the blessed Redeemer. God is in this work, and He means that this world shall be redeemed. The world, the world for Christ, must be our motto.

From the Report of the Board of Missions of our Church, for the year ending June 1, 1879, we gather the following statistics of our Foreign work:

China Mission—Missionaries, Foreign, 6; Native, 10; Bible Women, 4; Churches, 13; Sunday Schools, 10; Boarding Schools, 2; Day Schools, 7.

Mexican Missions—City of Mexico Mission: The Superintendent, Rev. W. M. Patterson, reports 12 Native Preachers, 8 Teachers and 268 members.

Mexican Border Mission: Churches organized, 20; Sunday Schools, 25; Sunday School Scholars, 500; Church Members, over 600.

Brazil Mission—Missionaries, 2; Church Members, 57; and one Sunday School.

At Home—We have our Missions to the Indians and Germans, and a glorious work is being accomplished among them.

During the past year, within the bounds of our own Conference, a Mission has been established among the French Creoles in the Attakapas country of Louisiana. The Missionary, Rev. W. J. Picot, has labored with signal success, numbers of this people have attended the preaching of the Word, many precious souls have been convicted and converted and added to the Church. There are now thirty-two members in the Society and thirty applicants.

We feel grateful to Almighty God for what He has done; but *we* have not done enough; we have it in our power to send the Gospel to "earth's remotest bounds." And, while we would especially urge the claims of our Domestic Missionary work, we would also remind our ministers and people of the great needs of the Foreign Missionary field, and call their attention to the earnest cry for help which comes to us

from our Missionaries in China, Mexico and Brazil. Rev. Dr. A. W. Wilson, in his circular to this Conference, says: "The evident increase of interest in Missions throughout the Church, the spirit of inquiry awakened, and the occasional instances of exceptional liberality, encourage the belief that our people, when fully informed, will respond freely to the earnest appeals for supplies to carry forward this great enterprise of the Church." The success of the Women's Missionary Society, so auspiciously organized, is most encouraging. We look for great results from this movement. Your Secretary has little to report in the way of statistics. We have five Missions within the bounds of our Conference: I. The French Mission, of which you have heard from the Missionary himself, in the Conference-room, a most interesting report of his labors; II. The Lafourche Mission, which was not supplied; III. Tensas Mission, which is in a flourishing condition; IV. Calcasieu Mission, from which there is no report; and V. Logansport Mission, which has had a large increase of members during the year under the untiring labors of Rev. John Pipes.

A vast field is white unto the harvest in Louisiana: we have the men, but Oh, *where is the money?* The Gospel has been a blessing to us and ours; let us send it to others, that they, too, may rejoice in its saving power and blessing.

R. S. TRIPPETT, SECRETARY,

REPORT OF TREASURER OF BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE LOUISIANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Cash on hand at last report	$ 885 00
Collected this year	1,082 05
One-half Anniversary collection	111 62
	$2,078 67

CREDITS ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

By amount paid Logansport Mission		$275 00
By amount paid East Point Circuit		50 00
By amount paid Alexandria District		150 00
By amount paid New Orleans District		50 00
By amount paid Delhi District		75 00
By amount paid Opelousas District		200 00
By amount paid Publishing Minutes		85 00
By amount paid W. J. Picot, French Mission—		
Vermilionville	$103 05	
Indian Bayou	23 50	
Opelousas	99 00	
Shreveport	25 00	
Morgan City	15 55	
Trenton	3 50	
New Iberia	26 50	
Waterproof	11 00	
Mrs. R. Randle	2 50	
		$309 60
By cash in hand		884 07
		$2,078 67

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Collected this year	$2,114 65
Mrs. Dr. J. B. Walker	20 00
One-half Anniversary collection	111 62
	$2,246 27

CREDITS.

By amount paid J. W. Maines, Treasurer—		
By Moureau Street Church	$ 55 00	
By Waterproof S. S., China	$18 00	
Church	28 55	
	46 55	
By Baton Rouge Church	100 00	
By Franklin Church	10 00	
By St. Charles Avenue Church	108 80	
By Felicity Street Church	106 05	
By Keachie Church	22 00	
By Carondelet Street Church	106 40	
By Minden Church	6 75	
By Trenton Church	30 50	
By Vermilionville Church	50 00	
	$ 642 05	
By balance due Parent Board	1,604 22	
		$2,246 27

C. W. CARTER,
Treasurer Louisiana Conference Mission Board.

AMOUNTS APPORTIONED FOR MISSIONS TO THE DISTRICTS.

For Foreign Missions		$3,450 00
To New Orleans District	$1,250 00	
To Delhi District	500 00	
To Homer District	550 00	
To Shreveport District	550 00	
To Alexandria District	250 00	
To Opelousas District	350 00	$3,450 00
For Domestic Missions		$1,175 00
To New Orleans District	$ 350 00	
To Delhi District	150 00	
To Homer District	200 00	
To Shreveport District	200 00	
To Alexandria District	125 00	
To Opelousas District	150 00	$1,175 00

AMOUNTS PAID FOR MISSIONS BY THE DISTRICTS.

	Foreign.	*Domestic.*
By New Orleans District	$ 881 55	$ 301 60
By Delhi District	313 15	116 40
By Homer District	111 95	70 80
By Shreveport District	516 95	202 45
By Alexandria District	83 40	59 50
By Opelousas District	207 65	331 30
Totals	$2,114 65	$1,082 05

For Missionary details, see Table of Statistics.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF MISSIONS FOR 1880.

CLERICAL.

JOHN MATHEWS, R. S. TRIPPETT,
JOEL T. DAVES, CHAS. W. CARTER,
JOHN A. MILLER, N. S. CORNELL.

LAY.

W. H. N. MAGRUDER, T. C. STANDIFER, J. L. SCALES.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Louisiana Annual Conference Board of Missions

OF THE

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.

ARTICLE 1. This Board shall be denominated the Louisiana Annual Conference Board of Missions, auxiliary to the Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

ART. 2. The Board shall consist of nine members, elected annually by the Conference, five of whom shall constitute a quorum for business. At their first meeting, the Board shall elect from their number a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and Treasurer. The Board shall have power to fill all vacancies occurring by death, resignation or otherwise.

ART. 3. The President, or in his absence, the Vice-President, shall preside at all meetings of the Board.

ART. 4. The Secretary shall keep full and complete record of all the proceedings of the Board, and prepare the annual report of the Board for the Louisiana Annual Conference, a copy of which report he shall forward to the Secretary of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and perform such other duties as the Board may direct.

ART. 5. The Treasurer shall take charge of all the funds and properties of the Board, subject to the order of the Board, and shall make a full report annually of all the receipts and disbursements; and he shall transmit to the Treasurer of the General Board all moneys he may receive for general purposes.

ART. 6. The Board shall regulate its own affairs It shall have absolute control of the Missions it may establish, with the consent of the preachers of the Conference, within its own bounds, and of the funds raised for their support. It shall hold a public Anniversary Missionary meeting at each session of the Conference, the proceeds of which shall be equally divided between the Conference Board and the General Board. It shall publish a full report of its operations every year in the Minutes of the Conference. It shall annually estimate the amount that may be necessary for the support of the Missions of the Conference, and apportion the same to the Presiding Elders' District for collection; and it shall divide the apportionment of the General Board among the several Districts of the Conference.

ART. 7. An annual collection shall be taken up in every congregation, by the preacher in charge, in aid of the Conference Missions, and another in aid of the Foreign Missions, the proceeds of which shall be transmitted to the Treasurer of the Board.

ART. 8. This Constitution may be altered and amended by a vote of a majority of the Conference at any of its annual sessions.

CONFERENCE VISITING COMMITTEES.

CENTENARY COLLEGE:

Chas. W. Carter, John Hannon.

HOMER COLLEGE:

James A. Parker, Jas. E. Bradley.

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Thos. S. Randle, Thos. J. Hough.

COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION.

FOR CANDIDATES FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL.

BAXTER CLEGG, JOHN T. SAWYER, J. LANE BORDEN.

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For Class of Fourth Year—Joseph B. Walker, C. W. Carter, Christian Keener.

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CLASS OF FIRST YEAR.

Albert Taylor Galloway, Charles Frederick Stivers, Jeptha Landrum, Charles T. Munholland, Robert M. Blocker.

CLASS OF SECOND YEAR.

J. L. P. Sheppard, James M. Beard, Samuel Keener.

CLASS OF THIRD YEAR.

John B. Cassity, Patrick Galvin.

CLASS OF FOURTH YEAR.

A. M. Wailes, Chas. R. Benson, T. K. Faunt LeRoy, Thos. J. Hough.

COURSE OF STUDY FOR CANDIDATES.

FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL.

STUDIES—The Bible, in reference to doctrines generally; Wesley's Sermons on Justification by Faith, and on the Witness of the Spirit; Book of Discipline; the ordinary branches of an English education.

CLASS OF FIRST YEAR.

STUDIES—The Bible, in reference to its historical and biographical parts, and its chronology; Book of Discipline, with special reference to chapter 1, sections 1 and 2; Manual of Discipline, chapters 1 and 2; Wesley's Sermons, vol. 1; Ralston's Elements of Divinity; Watson's Institutes, part 4; Preacher's Manual; Redford's History of the Organization of the M. E. Church, South; Written Sermon on Repentance.

Books of Reference—Watson's Biblical and Theological Dictionary; Theological Compend; Fletcher's Works; Watson's Life of Wesly.

CLASS OF SECOND YEAR.

STUDIES—The Bible, in reference to its prophetical parts, Wesley's Sermons, vol. 2; Watson's Institutes, part 3; Smith's

Elements of Divinity; Book of Discipline, with special reference to chapters 2, 3 and 4; Manual of Discipline, chapters 3 and 4; Coppée's Rhetoric; Written Sermon on Justification by Faith.

Books of Reference—Newton or Keith on the Prophecies; Angus' Hand-Book of the Bible; Claude's Essay on the Composition of a Sermon; Waston's Sermons; Bickersteth on the Spirit of Life, and Whately's Rhetoric.

CLASS OF THIRD YEAR.

STUDIES—The Bible, in reference to the Life of Christ; Wesley's Sermons, vol. 3; Watson's Institutes, part 2; Coppée's Logic; Edgar's Variations of Popery; Book of Discipline, with special reference to chapter 5, to the end; Manual of Discipline, chapters 5, 6 and 7; Rivers' Mental Philosophy, and Written Sermon on the Witness of the Spirit.

Books of Reference—Young's Christ of History; Neander's Life of Christ; Hickock's Mental Science; Vinet's Pastoral Theology; Stevens' History of Methodism; Paine's Life of McKendree; D'Aubigne's History of the Reformation; Whately's Logic.

CLASS OF FOURTH YEAR.

STUDIES—The Bible, in reference to the Acts and Epistles, their analysis and design; Wesley's Sermons, vol. 4; Watson's Institutes, part 1; Powell on Apostolical Succession; Hickock's Moral Science; Mosheim's Church History; Summers on Baptism; Book of Discipline, reviewed; Manual of Discipline, chapters 8 and 9; Written Sermon on Regeneration.

Books of Reference—Butler's Analogy; Bingham's Antiquities; Rivers' Moral Philosophy; Hoppin's Homiletics; Wall on Infant Baptism; Litton's Church of Christ; Neander's Church History; Liddon on the Divinity of Our Lord; Conybeare and Howson's Life and Epistles of St. Paul.

COMMENTARIES—Clark's, Watson's Exposition, Wesley's Notes, Summers on the Gospels, Stier's Words of the Lord Jesus,

Lange on the New Testament, Olshausen on the New Testament, Alford on the New Testament, Bloomfield on the New Testament, Macknight on the Epistles, Henry's Exposition, Whitby's Commentary.

NOTE—The Examination will be confined to the course of study. The books of reference are recommended to be read, and the Commentaries to be consulted. The Undergraduates and the Committees of Examination are required, by resolution of Conference, to be present at 9 A. M., Tuesday, before Conference session.

DISTRICT CONFERENCES—OF WHOM COMPOSED.

The following is the rule respecting the organization of District Conferences:

The District Conference shall be composed, first, of all the preachers, traveling and local, in the District; and, second, of one lay delegate for every forty members, or fractional part thereof, within the bounds of each Circuit Station and Mission in the District. The lay members shall be elected by the several Quarterly Conferences, and no Quarterly Conference shall be denied two lay delegates.

MEMBERS OF THE LEGAL CONFERENCE.

LINUS PARKER, President. PHILO M. GOODWYN,
ROBERT J. HARP, R. S. TRIPPETT,
T. J. WILLIAMS, BENJ. F. ALEXANDER,
JOHN MATHEWS, W. H. FOSTER,
CHRISTIAN KEENER.

Resolved, That the Conference Board of Trustees be instructed to hold a meeting at every session of the Conference, and to make a report in due form to the Conference of their proceedings, and of all matters in their charge.

Resolved, That the Act of Incorporation be published annually in the printed Minutes.

ACT OF INCORPORATION OF THE LOUISIANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, M E. CHURCH, SOUTH.

AN ACT

To Incorporate the Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, in General Assembly convened*, That John C. Keener, H. N. McTyeire, J. Saunders, R. Randle, J. B. Walker, S. J. Davies, L. Parker, Philo M. Goodwyn and L. A. Reid, and their associates and successors, such as the Louisiana Annual Conference may, from time to time, think proper to appoint, be and they are hereby created a body politic and corporate, under the name and style of the

"Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South," and by which name said corporation shall have succession, and be capable of suing and being sued, entering into contracts and receiving and holding property for educational purposes, and such charitable uses as may, from time to time, be specified by the said Conference at its annual sessions, either by donation or purchase.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted, etc.*, That the domicile of said corporation shall be located in the City of New Orleans, and the affairs thereof shall be managed by nine Trustees, to be appointed by the Louisiana Annual Conference, one of whom shall be elected President. The President and four Trustees shall form a quorum, and shall have power to appoint all other officers necessary for conducting its affairs, and make and adopt such rules, by-laws and regulations as they may deem proper for the management of the said corporation; provided, that the same be in conformity with the laws and regulations of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and not repugnant to the laws of the State.

JOHN M. SANDIDGE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
ROBERT C. WICKLIFFE,
President of the Senate.

Approved March 15, 1855.

P. O. HEBERT,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.

A true copy:
ANDREW S. HERRON,
Secretary of State.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE NEW ORLEANS METHODIST DEPOSITORY.

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Extracts:

"There has been a gratifying increase in numbers which shows that the Church in the bounds of the Conference is moving boldly forward in the great Sunday School work."

"In considering the interests committed to us, we would, with renewed emphasis, insist upon the use of *our own* publications in all our Sunday Schools. We cannot afford to sacrifice or compromise our own publishing interests by patronizing, to the exclusion of our own periodicals, those of other denominations, or those which are 'non-sectarian.' Competent judges have decided that we furnish the best Sunday School Literature, while all can see that its cheapness puts it within the reach of every Sunday School, and of every family."

"In the way of Sunday School Music, we have had before us a specimen of the 'New Life,' which the author says is '*the work of his life.*' We recommend the use of this book—1st, because, in the opinion of good judges, it is worthy of the place it is designed to fill; and, 2nd, because it is published at our own house, and therefore comes to us free from all suspicion as to its doctrinal teaching. While your Committee recommend this book, and would not exclude from use in our Sunday Schools other valuable publications of this kind, which are constantly teeming from the press, we would, at the same time, earnestly insist that the children be taught to sing the hymns contained in our excellent Hymn Book. These hymns combine, in much of their richness and force, the teachings of our Methodist Theology, with a deep religious experience. In the use of these hymns, the Church has for generations rallied her forces and marched on to victory through the fiercest conflicts, and individual Christians have been encouraged and strengthened while battling with the ills and evils of life. They are a part of our Church life, and by the use of them let this life be infused into the experiences of our children."

In conclusion, we recommend the adoption of the following:

"*Resolved*—That we re-affirm our former expressions in regard to the importance of the Sunday School work, and, that as pastors, we allow no abatement of zeal in this direction."

W. H. FOSTER,
J. M. BROWN,
J. F. SCURLOCK.

The Committee on Sunday Schools recommended the organization of a Conference Sunday School Association. The subject was referred to the following Committee, with instructions to report at the next session of the Conference: B. F. Alexander, William H. Foster and Geo. M. Liverman.

Conference elected William H. Foster, of New Orleans, Sunday School Corresponding Secretary.

BIBLE CAUSE.

Extracts:

"From the Annual Report of the Southwestern Bible Society, we are pleased to learn that a gratifying improvement has been given to its operations. During the past year it has had visited 41,235 families, supplying 11,138 families and 2,953 individuals with the Word of God. The report having completed a systematic and thorough canvass of twenty-seven Parishes. The work is being prosecuted in ten other Parishes, leaving twenty-one still to be worked. The contributions to the Society have been in advance of last year. There has been collected within the bounds of our Conference for this object during the past year $280 35."

The following resolutions were appended to the Report of the Committee on Bible Cause:

"*Resolved*, That we urge it upon our people to make the Bible their daily companion, and to teach it to their children in their schools on the Sabbath-days, and on the week-days, 'and tell of it when they sit in their houses, and they walk by the way, and when they lie down and rise up.'"

"*Resolved*, That we will aid the Society in their efforts to circulate the Word of God among our people, by giving and receiving contributions in aid of the distribution of the Bible."

REYNOLDS S. TRIPPETT,
JOHN B. CASSITY,
T. K. FAUNT LEROY.

TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee is appalled at the thought of the magnitude and rapidly growing tendency of the almost universal evil of intemperance in artificial stimulants. Other evils are partial and limited to classes; robbery and theft are usually limited to the more abandoned and degraded; but intemperance is indulged alike by the learned and unlearned, the aged and the young, male and female, heathen and Christian, kings and subjects. It pervades all classes of society, from the highest to the lowest, from the best to the worst. Again, other evils are limited to seasons and locations; the yellow fever, as fearful as it is, is limited comparatively to a small district of country; and so of other prevailing diseases. War, in its most gigantic proportions, is limited to a few powers which are engaged in them at the time, and that, only for a term of years. Famine, a fearful scourge, and horrid to contemplate, is usually limited to one region, while other places are not only exempt, but have plenty, and are able to give relief to the suffering; but it is not so with the scourge of intemperance. It alike infests the frozen regions of the north and the more genial clime of the tropics. India and China, in paying their devotion to their idols, do not forget to bow to the god Bacchus. Europe, with all its refinements and improvements in the arts and in science, and boasting the best government in the world, is, to-day, an abject slave to the drink system. The pest of intemperance, like a mighty ocean wave, has swept over every continent and country, and still the death plague goes on in its work of devastation. The chief of the Bureau of Statistics in the United States Treasury estimates the annual sale of intoxicating liquors at $600,000,000, while 550,000 men are engaged in the manufacture and traffic of it. It is also estimated that there are not less than six hundred thousand habitual drunkards in the United States, while the loss of health, happiness, prosperity and life is beyond the power of any correct estimate.

From the official records of our own Louisiana, the amount of her drink bill is so enormous that we have purposely withheld the figures lest some might think we were extravagant and wild.

The advocates of the drink system proclaim what a revenue it yields! But what does revenue avail when the souls and bodies of our fellow-men must be sacrificed to gain it? The fact in the case is, that the legal and official cost resulting from drunkenness in New Orleans alone is more than the revenue for the whole State. What is revenue to a man, when to get it increases the chances for rendering his son a drunkard and linking his daughter with a sot! Echo answers.

The statistics of Great Britain show that a large proportion of the grain produce is destroyed in the manufacture of intoxicating liquors. Now, as might be expected, great efforts have been, and are being made to arrest this mighty evil. We believe that all Christian denominations are making efforts in some way or other to restrain this vice. We would speak freely of our own Church, and especially of the Louisiana Conference, as we have been accused of being anti-temperance. The law of our Church is, that any member may be expelled from it for making, selling or drinking intoxicants, unless it be in accordance with the exceptions of the rule. Besides, what the Church is doing, there are a vast variety of temperance organizations which are assiduously working to arrest the evil, legally, socially and by all manner of persuasion. The press is also engaged in this work; besides church literature upon the subject, the National Temperance Society and Publishing House, organized in New York, in 1866, has published a large number of books and tracts upon every phase of the subject, which are being scattered broadcast all over the land.

The State has furnished us with the means of establishing a local option law, and the people might any day, were they so disposed, vote whisky out of any parish or corporation. Having all these appliances at hand, there seems to be a manifest want of nerve or interest somewhere. Congress favored the appointment of an Investigating Committee to ascertain the cause of yellow fever, and to devise means for its arrest, and for this purpose appropriated the sum of fifty thousand dollars. And why? Because it was estimated that twenty thousand persons had died in one season.

See the difference! It is estimated that not less than sixty thousand persons die every year in the United States from drunkenness; and yet a bill to institute an investigation of the drink question, and to show its relation to crime, disease and poverty, has been three times defeated by the Congress of the United States.

We are glad to find that in the Old World, a new interest seems to be awakened in the cause of temperance. We read a letter from a certain professor in London, England, to a religious paper. He said: "One of the most lively interests among the Christians of England at present is the cause of temperance. This subject has long ago passed the stage at which it was a subject of ridicule. It has conquered respectability. It has assumed a definite organized form. Temperance associations are spread like net-work over the United Kingdom. They make active use of the press. The great Bishops and Archbishops of the established Church have, almost without exception, come out in earnest favor of total abstinence, and they gladly preside at great temperance mass meetings."

We cannot call this enthusiasm, as it comes from the phlegmatic English.

Again, we read in an address, made at a Missionary meeting in London, that a speaker said that "the nation contributed annually for the cause of Missions $800,000, and at the same time contributed annually to the god Bacchus £142,000,000."

Your Committee believe that such facts and figures ought to prompt every lover of humanity to take decided and positive ground against this evil.

JOHN PIPES,
R. PARVIN,
T. J. CARVER.

CHURCH PUBLICATIONS.

The Committee on Church Publications report that they have had the interest referred to them under consideration.

The Book Agent, Dr. McFerrin, reports that the Christian Advocate, published under the auspices of the General Conference at Nashville, is doing well, having a circulation of more than twelve thousand subscribers. The agent informs us that the editor is giving great satisfaction. He strongly urges the duty and the importance of giving this central and connectional organ a more extended circulation.

We rejoice to hear that our Sunday School Literature is a success, receiving a wide, a general and a well-deserved acceptance. Dr. Cunnyngham is an able and diligent worker in this important department of our Connectional Literature. We should heartily co-operate with our accomplished and faithful editor in giving a wide and general circulation to our Sunday School books and periodicals.

Our Book Editor, Dr. Summers, is a man of long and large experience in his department. We learn from the agent that the books which have been published during the past year have paid a profit.

Your Committee are glad to hear that the plan of paying the indebtedness of our Publishing House, by the issue of four per cent. bonds, has met with large and generous success. We understand that the bonds have been taken to the requisite amount—$300,000.

And that the present and prospective business of the Publishing House is so flourishing, and so judiciously conducted, as to insure the punctual payment of the interest, and the ultimate redemption of the bonds. The faithful maintenance of our credit as a Church, is a matter of congratulation. Loyalty to our Church, and fidelity to our principles, should certainly lead us heartily to sustain our Publishing House, by purchasing, using and circulating our books and periodical literature, in preference to all others, and as extensively as we can. Let us urge this interest privately and publicly, and, where we can, appoint intelligent committees of zealous men and women to assist us in this work—we need a well and methodistically instructed membership.

In relation to our General Connectional Publishing Interest, we suggest the following resolutions:

I. *Resolved*, That we congratulate the Church on the success of the plan adopted to pay the debt due by our Publishing House.

II. *Resolved*, That we approve of the adoption of the cash system in the conduct of the business of our Publishing House.

III. *Resolved*, That as a Conference we will recommend and promote the Church Literature issued by our Publishing House.

SOUTHERN METHODIST REVIEW.

We have now, as we ought to have, a Southern Methodist Review. We need such a medium for the more elaborate discussion of the important themes of Literature and Theology. It is hoped that the Ministry and more cultivated classes of our people will sustain this important enterprise. It is matter of denominational felicitation that we have able religious weeklies issued in Richmond, Macon, Memphis, St. Louis and Galveston, and last, but by no means least, in merit or importance, in New Orleans, NEW ORLEANS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

Your Committee are much gratified to learn, through the Report of the Publishing Committee of the New Orleans Christian Advocate, that they have made with Mr. G. T. Lathrop, most responsible and satisfactory arrangements for the punctual publication of that important and useful paper. We feel that our Advocate is a social, literary and religious necessity, with which we cannot and will not dispense. It is constantly filled with interesting, instructive and useful editorial, communicated and selected matter. We are particularly gratified that its columns maintain so high and Scriptural a standard of spirituality. We feel that our Wesleyan Theology and polity are in wise and safe keeping in our Advocate, under its present editorial management. This excellent religious Weekly has a circulation of over 7500 copies. The stress of the business depression through which we have just been passing, has operated against this as against all business enterprises; nevertheless, it has tided over the bar, and the soundings indicate that deeper water is near. While there have been changes and losses, it has, during the year, added 1200 new subscribers; but it ought, in the wide field of its patronizing Conferences, to have at least double its present number of subscribers. The Advocate is our fellow-helper in the Gospel, and it is advocating and promoting all the interests to which we, as ministers, have consecrated our lives and our

labors. Let us then diligently, as opportunity may serve, publicly and from house to house, commend to our people our paper. Let us labor to have it in each Methodist home. Let us say to our people who have means, that there is no more noble charity than to send the Advocate as a gift to the homes too poor to pay for it.

In relation to our Advocate, we suggest for adoption the following resolutions:

I. *Resolved*, That Mr. G. T. Lathrop, the publisher, is punctually furnishing us, on good material, a neat and well printed paper.

II. *Resolved*, That our beloved Editor, Dr. Parker, deserves well for his able, efficient, and satisfactory conduct of the paper.

III. *Resolved*, That we pledge ourselves to labor to promote the circulation, usefulness and prosperity of the New Orleans Christian Advocate.

The Report of the Trustees of the New Orleans Methodist Depository was referred to the Committee on Church Publications. From that Report, we are pleased to learn, that the property is in good repair, is valued at $15,000 and the building insured for $8000. So much of it as is not used for the editing, publishing and mailing of the Advocate, is rented to Messrs. Lathrop & Wilkins for $75 per month: these gentlemen are stationers and book merchants, keeping on hand a supply of our standard Southern Methodist Publications.

Resolved, That this Conference approves of the management of the Trustees of the New Orleans Methodist Depository.

J. B. WALKER, CHAIRMAN,
T. H. McCLENDON,
R. T. PARISH,
THOS. J. HOUGH,
F. G. HOCUTT,
BAXTER CLEGG,
BENJ. O. L. RAYNE.

GENERAL MINUTES.

Conference adopted the following:

WHEREAS, Appreciating the vital importance, as a matter of information and of real history of the Church, of the publication in book form of the General Minutes of the Conferences,

Resolved, That we, the Louisiana Annual Conference, most earnestly solicit the General Book Agent, Dr. J. B. McFerrin, to publish in book form, as heretofore, the General Minutes of the Annual Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

JOEL T. DAVES,
JOHN PIPES.

EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education beg leave to present the following address and report:

To the Bishop and Members of the Louisiana Conference:

The importance of a higher standard and higher attainments in education among us, and of devising and putting into successful operation some more effectual means than are at present employed to secure the end, hardly need be enforced.

The organizing of schools, whether those dignified with the name of college or other, and then leaving them to languish and die or drag out a miserable existence; the periodical passage of commendatory resolutions, and resolutions promissory of great things, which are never thought of after they are finally laid upon the secretary's desk—these will not reach the evil nor secure the desired result.

The trouble is farther back, and must be met with more rigorous treatment. It would astonish any one who has given no more than a casual thought to this subject, if he could take the place of an experienced and conscientious teacher, to know the real condition of the growing generation of boys and youth in relation to the intellectual training and other attainments in even the rudimentary education which once was considered indispensable to every gentleman. It is true that much is doing for the education of the daughters of the country, but it is at the expense of the boys, and to their almost total neglect. It would be hardly assuming too much to say that this is unfortunate. The education of the sexes must be at least *pari passu* to secure congenial and wholesome domestic and social relations, if the man is to be the head, and to deserve and receive the respect that should be accorded him in the family and in society.

The boys of our State are grossly neglected, and, with rare exceptions, entirely uneducated. Either correct this, or arrest the education of the girls, that boys and girls, men and women, husbands and wives, may be suited to each other.

Parents are not themselves aware of the condition of their sons. The disasters of a desolating war, reaching every home and every individual with its ravages and demoralizing influences, and the altered relations and conditions of society resulting from it, have had much to do with this. The cares and drudgery of parents under the new state of things, leave them little or no opportunity for the personal instruction of their children. Besides this, they need, or think they do, the aid of their sons in carrying on their various pursuits. The consequence is, that in very many cases boys are permitted, without opportunities, and in ignorance of elementary education, to reach the period when the foundation should have been securely laid for higher and thorough culture. In other cases, the training of children is entrusted to inexperienced and incompetent teachers, the result being, not failure merely, but unhealthy habits of mind, which it is next to impossible to eradicate. Those of our people who have any energies left have devoted them exclusively to the effort to reinstate their fortunes, exclusive of all social and other interests external to themselves. They have become selfish and secluded from all their duties and obligations to the world outside of their own individuality, from a conscientious recognition of the claims of the present, or a wise forethought of the future. Hence has been engendered a false and very low estimate, even in those who are able and disposed to educate their sons, of the value and character and purpose of education, a tendency to limit the opportunities afforded to the acquisition of rudimental learning, and of this to a meagre preparation for some special vocation, selected *for* the child, without reference to his peculiar bent or the real capabilities of his mind. He is educated for himself and the material interests of the present. The development of a true manhood, symmetrical, broad and generous, is not conceived of as the real necessity and the true end of education. Without inquiring further into causes, or specifying particulars, take the fact that is staring us in the face. The parents and guardians of the youth of the country are asleep in regard to this most vital of all interests to our State and country, and we see a whole

generation of boys and young men growing up in ignorance, not only of books and branches of learning, but even of the value of education, to prepare them for the acomplishment of the true objects of a dignified, intelligent, moral, Christian life—in a word, of the dignity, the respectability, the grandeur of a true manhood. Whence are to come, in the near future, the men who are to uphold and adorn society—intelligent agriculturists, wise statesmen, men equal to the responsibilities of the various learned professions, and men for the pulpit, fitted for their exalted work by high intellectual culture, sanctified by the Holy Spirit?

It has been recently charged against the M. E. Church, South, almost in so many words, that we are opposed to education. Our indignation is roused by such a charge. It is not true. But, brethren, is there not a sadder truth than this? A pronounced and vigorous opposition would arouse a counter-opposition, which should at least awaken an interest in the subject, and might produce good fruit. Our attitude, if we have an attitude other than supineness, on this great interest, is more alarming than if we were arrayed in open opposition. We are so far as any exhibition of interest shows to the contrary, in a state of profound indifference to the whole subject. This is strongly put. But we appeal to your own consciousness, brethren, for its justification.

In Section 4, Art. 16, page 83, of our Discipline, among the answers to the question—what are the duties of preachers having charge of a circuit, station or mission?—you may read the following words embraced in five lines: "To urge upon parents the importance of educating their children, advising them to patronize, as far as practicable, those institutions of learning under the care of our Church." This is the only authoritative utterance of the highest and wisest council of our Church through all its successive meetings. Meagre as it is, and late as it came, it is, nevertheless, there; and by authority of the Church, enforced by the earnest and eloquent exhortation of the Bishops in their last pastoral address, it is made as much and more specifically your duty than to preach against any specific vice. The question goes to the conscience of each member of this Conference, whether he has recognized and met the demands of this duty.

It is superfluous to discuss the importance of Education as "the chief handmaid of a sensible spiritual religion." There is not an interest of the Church, spiritual, moral or financial, that will not be subserved by bringing the whole people up to a higher standard of intellectual life, to a more enlightened view of all that appertains to real happiness in this life, and in the life to come, and subserved in proportion to the elevation of this standard. The heart is apt to be enlarged as the mind is enlightened.

We have directly under our care, but one institution of learning for males. Its President needs only to be seen and heard to be recognized as an honor, not only to the Church, but to manhood, a model after which we may safely shape our sons, and thank God when the copy is complete. The other members of the Faculty are not only eminently qualified for their positions, but are men of earnest piety, and exemplary Christian life, fit examples for the youth committed to their guidance. It is a venerable Institution, a monument to Methodism, conceived and put in operation by men whose memories are sacred to the history of the Church. It is the Alma Mater of many of the most useful and distinguished men of our State, and other States. We are pleased to see by the report of the Board of Trustees that, in discipline, in the moral and religious character of its students, and the standard

of scholarship, the condition of the College is healthy and gratifying. In the words of the report, "there never has been a time since the war when its record has been so satisfactory." And yet, we see from the same report, that there are only sixty-seven students in attendance. Why is this? You say, the poverty of the people. Call it by some other name. That pretext is more specious than real.

The true reasons are: First. The indifference of the entire people to the subject of education; a mistaken idea of what constitutes the amount of education needful for their sons to meet the demands of society, and prepare them for the responsibilities of intelligent citizenship. Second. Many of those who would send their children to school do not realize the necessity of Christian culture along with mental training, in the formation of a complete and safe character, and hence, too often select schools where no moral or religious influences are exercised over their minds; and again, the members, and even some of the ministers of our Church, do not recognize the duty of sustaining their own institutions and so increasing their usefulness. Brethren, it is these difficulties that you are to meet. Your work is not to electioneer merely for that or this institution, but, and first of all, by earnest exhortation, and faithful teaching in the pulpit and out of it, to awaken in the people a true sense of their duty in regard to this vital question; to teach them that education does not consist in special training for special pursuits, but in the symmetrical and complete development of a symmetrical and complete manhood; to realize that all the talents which have been entrusted to them, whether one, three or five, shall be so improved that when the reckoning comes, our Lord may receive his own in full. Then, when the older men of the present are laid away, their places shall be filled by better and stronger men, for better and nobler work.

Then will our Institutions not only be patronized, but endowed, and, if need be, multiplied.

Your Committee commend to you this great interest, hoping that you will take it to heart, regarding it as a sacred duty to foster and promote it by your best efforts, in the fear of God.

Resolved, That we recommend "Centenary College of Louisiana," to the people of Louisiana and the South, as an Institution in every way worthy of their confidence, patronage and support.

Resolved, That we recommend a compliance with the resolution of its Board of Trustees, asking the appointment of an agent for the purposes specified.

Respectfully submitted,

JOEL T. DAVES, CHAIRMAN,

N. S. CORNELL, R. S. ISBELL,
JAS. A. PARKER, W. E. WALKER,
W. H. N. MAGRUDER, A. C. CALHOUN.

SECOND PART OF REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

MANSFIELD FEMALE COLLEGE.

Beautiful for situation is Mansfield Female College, offering facilities equal to the best, for the education of young ladies. The indomitable energy of the President, Thomas Armstrong, and his assistants, attests their fidelity to the great cause of Christian education, and warrants the confidence and patronage of all who have daughters to educate.

Unincumbered by debt, with buildings in good repair, a full and efficient faculty, this College offers her aid in the solution of the

problem of life. The daughters of ministers receive tuition free, and nearly, if not quite half, the expense of board, is remitted to them. The healthy mental and moral atmosphere in and around Mansfield, affords a bulwark of safety to its pupils which, cannot be estimated by dollars and cents.

Resolved, That we approve the action of the Board of Managers for the year ending 1879.

Resolved, that we will patronize and recommend Mansfield Female College to the favorable notice of parents and guardians in our bounds.

Resolved, That the following Board of Managers be elected for the ensuing Conference year:

REV. JOHN PIPES, REV. JOEL T. DAVES,
REV. ROBERT RANDLE, MAJOR WILLIAM BAYNON,
ISRAEL BROWN.

Respectfully submitted,
JOEL T. DAVES, CHAIRMAN.

N. S. CORNELL, R. S. ISBELL,
JAS. A. PARKER, W. E. WALKER,
W. H. N. MAGRUDER A. C. CALHOUN.

THIRD PART OF REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

HOMER COLLEGE.

We are gratified to learn that this Institution is prospering under the presidency of R. A. Smith, A. M., as it has not done since 1861.

It appears, from the information we have before us, that Brother Smith took charge of the College, September 3d, 1878. With an attendance of eighteen pupils, at the close of the fall session forty-three had been enrolled.

The administration of President Smith has been eminently a success, not only in the matter of advancing the pupils in the sciences taught, but also in restoring the school to public favor and confidence.

From the commencement of Brother Smith's connection with the School, the patronage has gradually increased, and applications for matriculation are coming in from several surrounding parishes, and from Southern and Eastern Arkansas.

In conclusion, we offer for the adoption of the Conference the following, viz:

Resolved, That the Conference learn, with pleasure, of the success of Brother Smith in the management of Homer College, and the upbuilding of that educational interest.

Respectfully submitted,
JOEL T. DAVES, CHAIRMAN,

N. S. CORNELL, R. S. ISBELL,
JAS. A. PARKER, W. E. WALKER,
W. H. N. MAGRUDER, A. C. CALHOUN.

FOURTH PART OF REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE, AND READVILLA SEMINARY.

Your Committe desire further to express their appreciation of the services rendered to the cause of education by those veteran teachers,

W. H. N. Magruder, of the Collegiate Institute for Young Men, and Mrs. M. W. Read, of the Readvilla Seminary for Young Ladies, both located in Baton Rouge, La., and under the care and supervision of teachers, where success, in their life-long service, has attested alike their devotion to the cause of Christian civilization, and furnishes the more satisfactory assurances and guarantees of efficiency and fidelity that can be offered to those in search of educational advantages for the youth under their care.

Respectfully submitted,
JOEL T. DAVES, CHAIRMAN,

N. S. CORNELL,	R. R. ISBELL,
JAS. A. PARKER,	W. E. WALKER,
W. H. N. MAGRUDER,	A. C. CALHOUN.

FIFTH PART OF REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

PIERCE AND PAINE COLLEGE.

Your Committee recommend the appointment of the following as the Board of Trustees for Pierce and Paine College:

Reverends Jno. Pipes, J. Lane Borden, B. F. Alexander, J. A. Miller, R. Parvin, B. Clegg, J. B. Cassity, J. M. Johnston, Robert Randle, G. M. Liverman, T. J. Hough.

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H. J. Davis, E. W. Jackson, N. C. Gibbs, W. D. Gooch, J. M. Gibbs, Sr., J. Porter, R. W. Freeman, H. S. Kennedy, H. Hampton, A. G. Jordon, A. P. Massey.

Respectfully submitted,
JOEL T. DAVES, CHAIRMAN,

N. S. CORNELL,	R. S. ISBELL,
JAS. A. PARKER,	W. E. WALKER,
W. H. N. MAGRUDER,	A. C. CALHOUN.

MEMOIRS.

REVEREND JAMES E. COBB.

The Committee on Memoirs, through James L. Wright, reported as follows:

Reverend James E. Cobb, late Presiding Elder of Delhi District, died at the residence of Col. T. C. Standifer, of Trenton, Louisiana, Monday, April 28, A. D. 1879. He was taken down sick and confined to his bed on Tuesday night, March 18, which he did not leave until God, in His wise providence, relieved him of his sufferings and took him to Himself. Brother Cobb was a patient sufferer, having been for years afflicted with dyspepsia and other derangements of his phys-

ical organism. He traveled and preached under disabilities that few men could have borne. Such was his zeal for the cause of the Master he would not cease to imitate his example of "going about doing good" until stayed by the hand of Divine Providence; even then he was slow to believe he was near the end of his career of usefulness on earth. Said he: "I never expect to be able to preach any more, but I have begun a work for the honor of my Saviour, and I believe he will spare me to fulfill it." He, however, was submissive to the will of God, and requested that his brethren, in praying for his recovery, should do so with direct reference to God's will. 'If it is Thy will, spare me to complete this work; if not, Thy will be done.'"

On Sunday, March 16, Brother Cobb preached his last sermon in Trenton, on the necessity of the suffering of Christ, Luke ix, 31-32. He preached with great earnestness, and his sermon was pronounced to be equal to his best pulpit efforts. He retired from the church to the parsonage much exhausted, and suffering greatly from a disease by which he had for years been afflicted.

On Monday, seventeenth, and Tuesday, eighteenth, he was up, but quite feeble. During Tuesday night he was attacked with several nervous spells or spasms; Wednesday morning he was prostrated; the nervous attacks continued with increasing severity. I was sent for, and went to see him. I found him in great pain, but happy in God. Extending his hand to me, he said: "O! Brother Wright, Jesus is so precious to me." I asked him if he realized that the Saviour was near, "O! yes, near and precious." He had told us in love-feast, on Sunday evening, that he expected a shoreless peace. He requested me nearly every day to read to him some portion of God's Word, and would, commenting on the preciousness of God's Word, speak of his trust or faith in God as being firm; "I believe in the Bible, every word of it."

On Friday, April 4, he was visited by Brother R. T. Parish, who prayed with him. He was very happy during prayers, and made hearty responses, rejoicing greatly in the Saviour's love. At this point he seemed to improve somewhat and continued to improve, and we began to hope the good Lord had answered our prayers, and he would be spared to our district and the Church; but Tuesday, the eighth, he grew worse. Just as he was relieved from a severe spell of pain in a slow measured tone, as if weighing each word he uttered, he repeated Cowper's inimitable hymn, commencing:

> "There is a fountain filled with blood
> Drawn from Emmanuel's veins," etc.

His soul seemed to fill unutterably full of glory and of God, and he shouted, "Praise God, O! my soul, and forget not all his benefits." From this time, the eighth, to the twentieth, he gave signs of recovery; but here again on the twentieth of April he grew worse; his mind became unsettled; his conversation showed that the strong intellect was weakening; his reasoning powers were evidently waning, and thus he continued to grow weaker and get more feeble till Monday, April 28, at ten minutes to twelve o'clock. There were gathered around his bed, the Stewards of the Trenton Church, viz: T. C. Standifer, Jethro Moore, L. M. Kidd, John E. Morris, and the pastor of the Trenton Church, Rev. J. L. Wright. Tearfully, and silently, we looked upon the conflict, as the valiant aged soldier of the cross was engaged in silent contest with the last enemy; we saw the evident struggle of his faith in God as it looked out through his glazed eyes, now sightless,

up to that company of convoying angels hovering above him, and waiting to catch up his blood-washed spirit and convey it to his home. We saw the effort he was making to speak to us, and tell, doubtless, of his triumph and victory. We saw him trying to raise his hand, and by this to demonstrate the power of divine grace to sustain in the last hour, and while thus evidently struggling to give us an evidence of God's accompanying presence, the spirit struggling, freed itself from his diseased body and sped its way to God.

Thus passed away from earth our beloved Brother Cobb. God grant his mantle may fall upon some worthy one who may take his place in the front rank of the hosts of God.

Brother Cobb had been thirty years an itinerant preacher, and had filled several very important positions in the service of the church. He was editor of the Memphis Christian Advocate for four years, president of a female college at Arkadelphia, Arkansas, for several years, and for four years President of Homer College, Louisiana. He conducted and edited a religious paper at Little Rock for some time, and he was the author of a work of decided merit on Faith. He was a preacher of consuming earnestness, and a clear and logical thinker. His career, as Presiding Elder in the Louisiana Conference, was eminently successful, and his foot-prints, on the Opelousas District, will not fade out for many years to come. He was a laborious student, a discriminating, but industrious, reader, and an able and zealous defender of Methodist doctrines. He was a man of intellect, of excellent attainments, and above all, a man wholly consecrated to the work of Christ. He believed, preached, and experienced a full salvation. Of a rather frail constitution, he probably shortened his life by intense and protracted ministerial labors. His zeal knew no abatement, and he seemed always to work fully up to, and often beyond, the measure of his strength. At the session of the Conference, at New Orleans, in January last, he appeared to be in tolerable health, but even then, we suppose, the vital powers were near exhaustion. We do not know Brother Cobb's age, but suppose that he must have been, at the time of his death, about fifty-five years old. He had been a widower for years, and we believe, but one child, a daughter, survives him. In 1866, he was a member of the General Conference, which met in New Orleans, from the Ouachita Conference, and the family with whom he stayed still remember and feel the godly influence of his piety upon them. He was also a member of the late General Conference, at Atlanta, Georgia, and was an active participant in the business of the session. Honored, respected and beloved by his brethren, and held in affectional esteem by the people, whom he served, he has been called to the better land. The death of such a man could not have been otherwise than triumphant. We can well believe that "he was constantly happy in God." In life, he was a man of prayer, living and laboring with a single eye, and he has finished his course in peace.

The following memoranda comprise the Conference and ministerial history of Brother Cobb, as far as we are able to trace it: Admitted on trial in the Arkansas Conference, in the fall of 1848, and stationed at Camden; stationed at Arkadelphia in 1849; agent of the American Bible Society in 1850; ordained Elder in 1851, and agent of American Bible Society; editor of the Memphis Christian Advocate, in 1852–'55; transferred to St. Louis Conference, and appointed to Lexington, November, 1856; in October, 1857, transferred to Ouachita Confer-

ence; in 1858, appointed to Columbus African Mission; Arkadelphia station, in 1859; president and agent of Arkadelphia Female College, in 1862; Arkadelphia station, in 1863; agent for Trans-Mississippi Army Tract Society, in 1864; Little Rock station, and colored charge, with W. P. Ratcliff, in 1865.

The General Conference of 1866 changed the name of Ouachita to Little Rock Conference. Brother Cobb remained in the Little Rock Conference until 1870. In January, 1870, he was transferred to the Louisiana Conference, and appointed president of Homer College, which position he filled for four consecutive years. He was Presiding Elder of the Opelousas District, 1874, '75, '76, '77; New Iberia, with M. C. Manly, in 1878. His last appointment was Presiding Elder of the Delhi District, January, 1879.

The remains of Brother Cobb were carried to Homer by his beloved son-in-law, Brother Edgar White, and were interred in the presence of almost the entire town and community, by the side of his only son, "Willie," who died in 1870.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. L. WRIGHT,
THOS. J. UPTON,
M. C. MANLY.

GENERAL FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL EXHIBIT FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER, 1879.

WORK.	PREACHER IN CHARGE.	MEMBERS.			BAPTISMS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.					MINISTERIAL SUPPORT, ETC.					
		White.	Colored.	Local Preachers.	Adults.	Infants.	No. of Churches.	Value.	No. Parsonages.	Value.	Value of other Church Property.	Total Value of Church Property.	Allowance for Presiding Elder.	Receipts for Presiding Elder.	Allowance for Preacher in Charge.	Receipts for Preacher in Charge.	Collected for Bishops.	Collected for Conference Claimants.
NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT	LINUS PARKER, P. E.																	
Carondelet Street	J. B. Walker	525	5	4	4	23	1	$40,000			15,000	$55,000	$400	$ 87 15	$ 2,500	2,000 00	105 25	185 85
Felicity Street	John Hannon	350	3	1	2	19	1	25,000				25,000	450	200 00	1,200	1,200 00	50 80	170 40
Moreau Street	Lewis A. Reed	90				7	1	20,000				20,000	25	15 00	400	343 85	10 00	50 00
Louisiana Avenue	S. Halsey Werlein	166		1	1	5	1	6,000				6,000	45	45 00	900	1,010 00	30 55	89 50
St. Charles Avenue	John Mathews	201		4	9	9	1	30,000			4,000	34,000	150	150 00	2,500	2,500 00	83 85	113 15
Algiers	Jas. M. Beard	125			2	17	1	5,000				5,000	30	30 00	600	500 00	10 00	15 00
Lafourche Mission		64					4	6,000				6,000						
Plaquemine & Gross-Tête	T. K. Faunt LeRoy	48	1		3	23	2	1,500	1	1,500		3,000	25	26 35	700	700 00	10 00	35 00
Baton Rouge	John T. Sawyer	312			16	15	1	25,000			300	25,300	75	75 00	1,250	1,275 00	25 00	100 00
Total		1881	9	10	37	118	13	158,500	1	1,500	19,300	179,300	1,200	628 50	10,050	9,528 85	325 45	758 90

WORK.	MISSIONARY COLL'NS.				MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTIONS.						SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.						
	Foreign Missions	Domestic Missions	French Mission.	Women's Missionary Society.	Church Buildings and Repairs.	Parsonage.	For the Poor.	For Bible Cause.	For House Rent.	For other objects.	No. of Schools.	No. of Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Volumes in Library.	No. of Periodicals taken.	Collected for Sunday Schools.	Collected for Missions.	Scholars received into the Church.
NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT—Continued			*															
Carondelet Street	$174 35	$100 00		$327 75	$2,475 40		$300 00	$ 16 00		$ 988 65	2	28	290	975	280		$17 25	
Felicity Street	106 05	66 75		136 70			204 00	83 50		1,668 25	2	45	280	1550	175	177 85	117 05	3
Moreau Street	16 90	20 00			416 90			30 00		213 50	1	14	125	1200	150	26 80	71 15	
Louisiana Avenue	114 00	31 45			441 35		44 10	10 00		254 65	2	33	275	500	225		20 00	10
St. Charles Avenue	108 80	53 40		225 00			6 00			685 45	2	25	263	538	255	169 95	136 40	
Algiers	10 00				250 00		147 15			25 00	1	17	130	125	75	61 55	20 00	7
Lafourche Mission																		
Plaquemine and Gross-Tête	7 50	5 00			20 00													
Baton Rouge	100 00	25 00			1,925 00		117 25	30 00		267 85	3	26	250	600	150	138 40		5
Total	637 60	301 60		689 45	5,528 65		818 50	169 50		4,103 35	13	188	1613	5488	1310	574 55	381 85	25

* Amount raised for French Mission is included in Domestic Missions.

GENERAL FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

WORK.	PREACHER IN CHARGE.	MEMBERS. White.	MEMBERS. Colored.	MEMBERS. Local Preachers.	BAPTISMS. Adults.	BAPTISMS. Infants.	CHURCH PROPERTY. No. of Churches.	CHURCH PROPERTY. Value.	CHURCH PROPERTY. No. Parsonages.	CHURCH PROPERTY. Value.	CHURCH PROPERTY. Value of other Church Property.	CHURCH PROPERTY. Total Value of Church Property.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT, ETC. Allowance for Presiding Elder.	Receipts for Presiding Elder.	Allowance for Preacher in Charge.	Receipts for Preacher in Charge.	Collected for Bishops.	Collected for Conference Claimants,
DELHI DISTRICT	B F ALEXANDER, P E																	
Monroe and Delhi	J. M. Brown	198		1		7	1	$ 700				$ 700	$100	$ 32 00	$ 900	$ 584 10	$ 3 50	$15 00
Trenton	Jas. L. Wright	173	2	1	8	6	2	2,500	1	$ 350	$1,500	4,350	100	95 20	900	857 20	12 00	80 00
Bastrop	C. W. Carter	132			9		2	2,800	1	1,200		4.000	90	63 00	800	576 75	10 00	55 00
Lind Grove	J. M. McKee	340		1	79	14	3	1,350	1	1,200		2,550	70	53 90	610	670 00	10 00	45 00
Oak Ridge	N. S. Cornell	124			29	10	1	1,500	1	600	80	2,180	60	41 35	600	416 00		42 45
Rayville	C. R. Benson	260	1		10	10			1	700	50	750	60	60 00	500	334 50	8 00	21 80
Winnsboro	Thos. S. Randle	427		2	11	6	4	7,500			35	7,535	60	29 15	550	431 70	5 00	30 00
Waterproof	Philip Allen	80		2		4	1	1,000	1	460		1,460	80	75 40	500	455 65	11 00	26 65
Tensas Mission	P. H. Diffenweirth	52				8	2	1,500			10	1,510	45	39 50	200	152 00	5 00	10 90
Tensas Chapel	A. M. Wailes	17				5	1	1,000				1,000		4 50		83 00	2 00	4 50
Lake Pro. & Pecan Grove	H. O. White	97		2	16	5	2	1,000			750	1,750	60	60 00	900	907 00	12 00	70 00
Floyd	T. H. McClendon	221		1	32	11	3	4,500	1	750	200	5,450	60	36 25	750	488 50	8 00	32 45
Madison Mission	J. Landrum, supply	9		1		6										15 00		
Total		2130	3	11	194	92	22	25,350	7	5,260	2,625	33,235	785	590 25	7,210	5,971 40	86 50	433 75

WORK.	MISSIONARY COLL'NS. Foreign Missions	Domestic Missions.	French Mission.	Women's Missionary Society.	MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTIONS. Church Buildings and Repairs.	Parsonages.	For the Poor.	For Bible Cause.	For House Rent.	For other objects.	SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS. No. of Schools.	No. of Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Volumes in Library.	No. of Periodicals taken.	Collected for Sunday Schools.	Collected for Mission.	Scholars received into the Church.
DELHI DISTRICT—Continued			*															
Monroe and Delhi	$ 5 00	$ 5 00									2	12	75	200	100	$16 00		
Trenton	60 00	18 00			$ 75 00	$229 85		$ 5 00			2	20	115	500	228	88 00	$10 00	
Bastrop	25 00	6 00									3	20	130	150	130	24 00		6
Lind Grove	45 00	15 00				75 00					4	15	86	200	25	14 00		8
Oak Ridge	8 25	7 00				300 00		5 00			1	8	45	50		10 00		5
Rayville	14 10	12 00			333 00			25 40			1	7	75	37		25 00		7
Winnsboro	20 00	7 00							49 00		3	10	100	50	50	25 00		10
Waterproof	29 55	11 00									1	13	35	333	55	22 25	18 00	1
Tensas Mission	3 00	2 00			25 00										10	1 00		
Tensas Chapel	2 00	1 50			8 50						1	4	15		10	2 70		
Lake Providence and Pecan Grove	50 00	21 00				69 75	23 00	2 00	60 00		2	13	64	356	60	30 50		
Floyd	23 25	7 40				600 00	2 00				4	18	100	450	150	22 50		20
Madison Mission																		
Total	285 15	112 90			441 50	1274 60	25 00	37 40	109 00		24	140	840	2826	818	280 95	28 00	76

* Amount raised for French Mission is included in Domestic Missions.

GENERAL FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

WORK.	PREACHER IN CHARGE.	MEMBERS.			BAPTISMS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.					MINISTERIAL SUPPORT, ETC.					
		White.	Colored.	Local Preachers.	Adults.	Infants.	No. of Churches.	Value.	No. Parsonages.	Value.	Value of other Church Property.	Total Value of Church Property.	Allowance for Presiding Elder.	Receipts for Presiding Elder.	Allowance for Preacher in Charge.	Receipts for Preacher in Charge.	Collected for Bishops.	Collected for Conference Claimants.
HOMER DISTRICT	Jos. H. STONE, P. E.																	
Homer	Jas. A. Parker	331		2	14	31	2	$ 4,500			10,000	$14,500	$100	$100 00	$975	$ 700 25	$10 00	$38 50
Lisbon	Rob't Parvin	669		3	34	12	5	2,400				2,400	100	75 00	750	410 00	8 00	30 00
Haynesville	John A. Miller	298		2	14	5	4	2,950				2,950	100	116 30	800	751 50	10 00	37 50
Minden	J. E. Bradley	261			12		4	3,750			180	3,930	90	90 00	675	630 00	10 00	30 00
Sparta	R. M. Crowson	250		2	21	5	2	800				800	60	46 80	300	250 00		
Arcadia	Thos. J. Upton	352		1	15	11	4	2,250			160	2,410	50	50 00	410	332 05	10 00	16 60
Vernon	A. A. Cornett	496		2	25	9	3	2,000	1	750	250	3,000	100	100 00	610	625 00	10 00	58 40
Indian Village	R. T. Parish	322	1	4	15	20	6	900		250		1,150	40	36 55	400	350 00	2 55	9 45
Rochester	F. T. Rawson, supply	103		1	1	9												
Downsville	John F. Patterson	481		1	19	11	3	1,000			300	1,300	60	60 00	410	432 35	8 20	21 05
Farmerville	Sup. by R. Parvin	160		1	10	7	2	300			200	500		20 00		110 00	2 75	50
Webster	Sup. by R. S. Collier	225			17	4	2	500				500		25 00		224 25	2 00	8 00
Total		3948	1	19	197	124	37	21,350	1	1000	11,090	33,440	700	719 65	5,330	4,785 40	73 50	250 00

WORK.	MISSIONARY COLL'NS.				MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTIONS.						SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.							
	Foreign Missions	Domestic Missions.	French Mission.	Women's Missionary Society.	Church Buildings and Repairs.	Parsonages.	For the Poor.	For Bible Cause.	For House Rent.	For other objects.	No. of Schools.	No. of Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Volumes in Library.	No. of Periodicals taken.	Collected for Sunday Schools.	Collected for Mission.	Scholars received into the Church.
HOMER DISTRICT—Continued			*															
Homer	$ 23 00	$10 00						$34 45			3	30	189		120	$92 00		19
Lisbon	20 00				$ 40 00						4	20	200		20			
Haynesville	20 00	7 00			1,650 00						6	42	336	365	50	28 60		
Minden	15 00	19 45			650 00						3	15	150	250	100	49 00		
Sparta	4 00										2	8	30					
Arcadia	4 40	4 40									3	12	50	250		5 00		
Vernon		12 00									4	22	105	275	50	25 00		12
Indian Village	15 00	5 00			75 00						2	9	53	53		5 00		5
Rochester					150 00	250 00												
Downsville	10 55	8 00									3	14	80		30	11 00		3
Farmerville																		
Webster		4 00									1	4	25	50				
Total	111 95	69 85			2,565 00	250 00		34 45			31	176	1218	1243	370	215 60		39

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GENERAL FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

WORK.	PREACHER IN CHARGE.	MEMBERS.			BAPTISMS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.					MINISTERIAL SUPPORT, ETC.					
		White.	Colored.	Local Preachers.	Adults.	Infants.	No. of Churches.	Value.	No. Parsonages.	Value.	Value of other Church Property.	Total Value of Church Property.	Allowance for Presiding Elder.	Receipts for Presiding Elder.	Allowance for Preacher in Charge.	Receipts for Preacher in Charge.	Collected for Bishops.	Collected for Conference Claimants.
ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT	C. KEENER, P. E.																	
Alexandria	Samuel Keener	55				5	2	$2,400	1	$1,500		$3,900	$ 40	$15 00	$ 375	$175 00	$ 7 50	$15 00
Pineville and Colfax	J. L. P. Sheppard																	
Rapides	W. R. Whately	246		1	12	30	7	2,000	1	500	$500	3,000	35	8 00	350	165 00	1 50	
Montgomery Ct.	C. R. Godfrey	292	6	1	26	22	5	1,500				1,500	40		400	211 00	2 10	2 65
Harrisonburg and Trinity	R. S. Trippett and George Jackson	61		1		13	1	1,000			50	1,050	50	22 00	600 350	350 00 300 00	5 00	15 00
Sicily Island	R. S. Trippett	209					1	1,500				1,500		40 00		176 00	5 00	10 00
Centreville	C. W. Hodge	324	30	2	9	24	2	500				500	50	7 85	475	84 00		9 00
Columbia and Castor	R S Isbell & J A Biggs	465		4	42	39	7	3,400			300	3,700	70	49 80	800	600 80	7 50	33 35
Bayou Bœuf & Evergreen	F. Hocutt & F White	190			22	19	4	3,100				3,100	60	45 00	1,240	592 75	5 00	35 00
Spring Creek	S. H. Cooper																	
Simsport	Patrick Galvin	58			19	3	1	2,000				2,000	50	50 00	400	400 00	7 00	8 00
Total		1900	36	9	130	155	30	17,400	2	2,000	850	20,250	395	237 65	4,990	3,054 55	40 60	128 00

WORK.	MISSIONARY COLL'NS.				MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTIONS.						SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.							
	Foreign Missions	Domestic Missions.	French Mission.	Women's Missionary Society.	Church Buildings and Repairs.	Parsonage.	For the Poor.	For Bible Cause.	For House Rent.	For other objects	No. of Schools.	No. of Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Volumes in Library.	No. of Periodicals taken.	Collected for Sunday School.	Collected for Mission.	Scholars received into the Church.
ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT—Continued			*															
Alexandria		$ 5 00			$600 00						1	3	20		12	$10 00		
Pineville and Colfax																		
Rapides	$ 1 60				25 00						5	13	112					8
Montgomery Ct.	4 00	4 25			23 25						5	21	127		8	50		7
Harrisonburg and Trinity	5 30	2 20			35 00		4 50			74 70	1	10	50	150	25	50		3
Sicily Island	10 00	3 25																
Centreville	5 00	6 00									4	10	120	120	8	35		4
Columbia and Castor	21 00	5 30			46 40	$23			7 00	88 80	3	13	87	150	35	30 15	$15 00	16
Bayou Bœuff and Evergreen	17 50	17 50									3	9	120					
Spring Creek																		
Simsport	8 00	5 00									2	7	50		12	22 65		4
Total	72 40	48 50			729 65	$25	4 50		7 00	163 50	24	86	686	420	59	105 10	15 00	42

* Amount raised for French Mission is included in Domestic Missions.

GENERAL FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

WORK.	PREACHER IN CHARGE.	MEMBERS.			BAPTISMS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.					MINISTERIAL SUPPORT, ETC.					
		White.	Colored.	Local Preachers.	Adults.	Infants.	No. of Churches	Value.	No. Parsonages.	Value.	Value of other Church Property.	Total Value of Church Property.	Allowance for Presiding Elder.	Receipts for Presiding Elder.	Allowance for Preacher in Charge.	Receipts for Preacher in Charge.	Collected for Bishops.	Collected for Conference Claimants.
SHREVEPORT DISTRICT...	R. RANDLE, P. E.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Shreveport.....	Joel T. Daves	180	.....	.....	16	15	1	$3,000	...	.....	.....	$3,000	257 00	$257 00	1800 00	1,800 00	$23 25	150 75
Mooringsport.....	R. A. Davis.....	79	.....	1	4	3	2	2,000	...	.....	.....	2,000	65 00	35 65	500 00	273 55	.....	8 99
Caddo.....	J. M. Johnston.....	237	....	1	18	9	3	3,000	1	$ 200	$300	3,500	51 00	52 00	358 75	370 00	8 00	24 05
Logansport Mission.....	John Pipes.....	85	....	.....	24	2	...	.....	1	600	.....	600	.....	29 00	500 00	283 25	.....	.....
DeSoto	Geo. M. Liverman....	228	....	.....	12	20	4	3,700	...	.....	100	3,800	71 00	58 35	500 00	408 70	8 25	31 30
Mansfield.	J. Lane Borden.....	174	....	1	25	3	1	3,000	1	800	.....	3,800	107 00	107 00	750 00	750 00	13 00	42 85
Pleasant Hill.....	John B. Cassity.....	434	.....	2	28	25	4	3,000	1	300	4,500	7,800	71 00	53 35	550 00	365 85	9 00	37 05
Natchitoches.....	Thos. J. Hough	100	.....	.....	10	13	2	5,500	...	.....	300	5,800	60 00	50 00	500 00	450 00	8 00	20 00
Natchitoches Ct.....	R. M. Blocker.....	213	.....	3	33	9	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	50 00	18 85	250 00	135 20	2 00	7 00
Anacoco.....	J. M. Franklin.....	275	....	3	.....	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	30 00	18 50	.....	137 00	.....	.....
Springville.....	W. D. Stayton	231	1	5	12	17	3	1,500	1	550	300	2,350	62 50	62 50	437 50	437 50	9 00	35 50
East Point.....	John T. Graham.....	32	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	1,200	...	.....	.....	1,200	.....	.....	.....	91 00	.....	.....
South Bossier	J. W. Medlock	185	....	1	6	9	3	1,700	...	.....	.....	1,700	65 00	44 65	345 00	233 25	7 00	17 25
North Bossier.....	Wm. Hart.....	154	....	.....	2	5	4	2,900	1	125	200	3,225	.....	57 45	500 00	402 10	6 25	30 50
Cotile and Loan Oak.....	J. A. Monroe.....	87	1	1	3	4	5	300	...	.....	.....	300	20 00	3 20	140 00	22 50	.....	2 75
Many.....	A. T. Galloway, Sup.	161	.....	.....	12	10	3	500	...	.....	.....	500	30 00	12 30	130 00	78 90	.....	.....
Total.....		2855	2	18	205	144	37	31,300	6	2,575	5,700	39,575	939 50	859 80	7261 25	6,238 80	93 75	407 90

GENERAL FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

WORK.	MISSIONARY COLL'NS.				MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTIONS.						SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.							
	Foreign Missions	Domestic Missions.	French Mission.	Women's Missionary Society.	Church Buildings and Repairs.	Parsonage.	For the Poor.	For Bible Cause.	For House Rent.	For other objects.	No. of Schools.	No. of Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Volumes in Library.	No. of Periodicals taken.	Collected for Sunday Schools.	Collected for Missions.	Scholars received into the Church.
SHREVEPORT DISTRICT—Continued.			*															
Shreveport	$200 00	$ 71 00		$100 00	$ 80 00		$ 95 00	$ 9 00	$300	$200 00	1	20	150	500	220	$85 00	$18 65	
Mooringsport	3 75					150 00					1	9	15	100	10			
Caddo	20 70	18 25									2	13	50		95	15 00		
Logansport Mission		15 00			10 00													
DeSoto	22 00	30 00			2,500 00		7 50				1	6	53	15	50	13 50		8
Mansfield	18 15	14 70				400 00		4 00		54 00	1	16	116	160	204	47 00		23
Pleasant Hill	185 95	15 00									4	20	125	200	100			
Natchitoches	12 00	10 00			2,000 00		40 00		120		2	12	70	100	75	25 00	3 50	6
Natchitoches Ct	1 50	8 50														3 00		
Anacoco																		
Springville	12 00	13 00			900 00		6 00				4	25	130	150	20	10 00		9
East Point																		
South Bossier	15 00	7 00									2	6	20					
North Bossier	22 40																	
Cotile and Loan Oak	50				140 00													
Many																		
Total	513 95	202 45		100 00	5,630 00	550 00	148 50	13 00	420	254 00	18	127	729	1225	774	198 50	22 15	46

* Amount raised for French Mission is included in Domestic Missions.

GENERAL FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

WORK	PREACHER IN CHARGE.	MEMBERS. White.	MEMBERS. Colored.	MEMBERS. Local Preachers.	BAPTISMS. Adults.	BAPTISMS. Infants.	CHURCH PROPERTY. No. of Churches.	CHURCH PROPERTY. Value.	CHURCH PROPERTY. No. Parsonages.	CHURCH PROPERTY. Value.	CHURCH PROPERTY. Value of other Church Property.	CHURCH PROPERTY. Total Value of Church Property.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT, ETC. Allowance for Presiding Elder.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT, ETC. Receipts for Presiding Elder.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT, ETC. Allowance for Preacher in Charge.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT, ETC. Receipts for Preacher in Charge.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT, ETC. Collected for Bishops.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT, ETC. Collected for Conference Claimants.
OPELOUSAS DISTRICT	J. D. HARPER, P. E.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Opelousas	M. C. Manly	114	.....	2	8	6	1	$3,100	1	$800	.....	$3,900	$ 64	$61 70	$ 650	$466 00	$10 00	$63 00
Washington	John F. Wynn	155	.....	.....	8	13	1	2,000	...	.....	$500	2,500	70	50 00	600	575 00	7 50	30 00
Vermilionville and Plaquemine Brulée	Baxter Clegg	176	.....	1	2	23	2	1,800	1	700	.....	2,500	70	63 00	.....	410 00	12 00	47 75
Abbeville	Enos B. Foust	101	.....	.....	.....	12	1	200	...	.....	375	575	35	35 00	300	302 50	2 50	12 50
Indian Bayou	John V. Pointer	213	.....	3	.....	42	1	750	...	.....	.....	750	30	20 75	325	173 80	.....	14 00
New Iberia	J. J. Billingsly and W. J. Picot	215	.....	.....	1	18	1	6,000	1	2,000	1,000	9,000	85	68 50	600	548 00	12 00	90 00
Franklin	B. F. White	150	.....	.....	2	9	1	2,500	1	2,000	.....	4,500	85	42 00	1200	360 30	7 00	22 45
Pattersonville and Morgan City	Alf. E. Clay	85	.....	1	.....	20	2	5,700	1	800	220	6,720	75	46 00	600	600 00	8 00	42 00
Lake Charles and Grand Cheniere	J. F. Scurlock	91	.....	1	1	19	1	1,700	...	.....	.....	1,700	50	30 60	500	306 00	9 00	38 50
Sugar Town	J. W. Hearn	377	.....	2	88	38	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	20	20 00	325	325 00	5 00	.....
Calcasieu Mission	J. Henning, supply	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total		1677	.....	10	110	200	11	23,750	5	6,300	2,095	32,145	584	437 55	5,100	4066 60	73 00	360 20

WORK.	MISSIONARY COLL'NS. Foreign Missions	MISSIONARY COLL'NS. Domestic Missions.	MISSIONARY COLL'NS. French Mission.	MISSIONARY COLL'NS. Women's Missionary Society.	MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTIONS. Church Buildings and Repairs.	MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTIONS. Parsonage.	MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTIONS. For the Poor.	MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTIONS. For Bible Cause.	MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTIONS. For House Rent.	MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTIONS. For other objects	SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS. No. of Schools.	No. of Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Volumes in Library.	No. of Periodicals taken.	Collected for Sunday School.	Collected for Mission.	Scholars received into the Church.
OPELOUSAS DISTRICT—Continued	.....	.....	*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Opelousas	$ 7 00	$99 00	...	.....	.....	$30 00	$ 15 03	.....	.....	$ 50 00	1	6	58	160	54	$23 00	$ 5 50	8
Washington	28 50	15 25	...	.....	$500 00	17 40	25 00	.....	.....	15 00	3	16	80	400	25	17 65	14 00	14
Vermilionville & Plaquemine Brulée	55 00	103 00	...	.....	.....	600 00	.....	$25 00	.....	.....	4	16	86	350	.....	17 00	.....	8
Abbeville	5 00	22 60	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	12	76	150	108	15 00	.....	.....
Indian Bayou	7 00	30 50	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	22	180	75	54	30 40	.....	5
New Iberia	45 00	46 50	...	.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	101 10	1	7	50	200	70	49 00	.....	.....
Franklin	5 00	5 00	...	.....	9 00	.....	6 00	4 00	.....	.....	1	8	90	100	111	23 05	10 00	2
Pattersonville and Morgan City	16 00	20 00	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 00	.....	.....	1	5	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lake Charles and Grand Cheniere	14 10	17 00	...	.....	15 00	.....	.....	1 65	.....	.....	1	12	71	300	138	138 80	9 50	.....
Sugar Town	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	20 50	.....	.....	.....	5	15	150	.....	.....	.....	.....	79
Calcasieu Mission	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	182 60	359 85	...	.....	526 50	647 40	66 50	43 65	.....	166 10	21	119	876	1735	560	313 90	39 00	116

RECAPITULATION.

WORK.	MEMBERS. White.	MEMBERS. Colored.	MEMBERS. Local Preachers.	BAPTISMS. Adults.	BAPTISMS. Infants.	CHURCH PROPERTY. No. of Churches.	CHURCH PROPERTY. Value.	CHURCH PROPERTY. No. Parsonages.	CHURCH PROPERTY. Value.	CHURCH PROPERTY. Value of other Church Property.	CHURCH PROPERTY. Total Value of Church Property.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT, ETC. Allowance for Presiding Elder.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT, ETC. Receipts for Presiding Elder.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT, ETC. Allowance for Preacher in Charge.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT, ETC. Receipts for Preacher in Charge.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT, ETC. Collected for Bishops.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT, ETC. Collected for Conference Claimants.
New Orleans District	1881	9	10	37	118	13	$158,500	1	$ 1,500	$ 19,300	$ 179,300	$1,200 00	$ 628 50	$10,050 00	$ 9,528 85	$325 45	$ 758 90
Delhi District	2130	3	11	194	92	22	25,350	7	5,260	2,625	33,235	785 00	599 25	7,210 00	5,911 40	86 50	433 75
Homer District	3948	1	19	197	124	37	21,350	1	1,666	11,090	33,440	700 00	719 65	5,330 00	4,785 40	73 50	250 09
Alexandria District	1900	36	9	130	155	30	17,400	2	2,000	850	20,250	395 00	237 65	4,990 00	3,054 55	40 60	128 00
Shreveport District	2855	2	18	205	144	37	31,300	6	2,575	5,700	39,575	939 50	859 80	7,261 25	6,238 80	93 75	407 90
Opelousas District	1677	...	10	110	200	11	23,750	5	6,300	2,095	32,145	584 00	436 95	5,100 00	4,066 60	73 00	360 20
Total	14,391	51	77	873	833	150	277,650	22	18,635	41,660	337,945	4,603 50	3,472 80	39,941 25	33,645 60	692 80	2,338 75
Last year	14,242	77	74	616	693	152	289,565	22	19,560	43,850	352,975	4,360 00	3,085 00	45,185 00	30,796 16	632 10	1,996 35
Increase	149	...	3	257	140	....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	243 50	387 80	.....	2,849 44	60 70	342 40
Decrease	.....	26	.....	.....	.....	2	11,915	...	925	2,190	15,030	.....	.....	5,243 75	.....	.....	.....
French Mission, W. J. Picot	62	...	.....	7	25	....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	400 00	420 00	.....	.....

WORK.	MISSIONARY COLL'NS. Foreign Missions	MISSIONARY COLL'NS. Domestic Missions.	MISSIONARY COLL'NS. French Mission.	MISSIONARY COLL'NS. Women's Missionary Society.	MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTIONS. Church Buildings and Repairs.	MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTIONS. Parsonages.	MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTIONS. For the Poor.	MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTIONS. For Bible Cause.	MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTIONS. For House Rent.	MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTIONS. For other objects.	SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS. No. of Schools.	No. of Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Volumes in Library.	No. of Periodicals taken.	Collected for Sunday Schools.	Collected for Mission.	Scholars received into the Church.
New Orleans District	$ 637 60	$ 301 60	*	$689 45	$5,528 65	.....	$ 818 50	$169 50	.....	$4,103 35	13	188	1613	5488	1310	$574 55	$381 85	25
Delhi District	285 15	112 90	*	*	441 50	$1274 60	25 00	37 40	109 00	.....	24	140	840	2326	818	280 95	28 00	76
Homer District	111 95	69 85	*	*	2,565 00	250 00	.....	34 45	.....	.....	31	176	1218	1243	370	215 60	.....	39
Alexandria District	72 40	48 50	*	*	729 65	23 00	4 50	.....	7 00	163 50	24	86	686	420	59	105 10	15 00	42
Shreveport District	513 95	202 45	*	100 00	5,630 00	550 00	148 50	13 00	420 00	254 00	18	127	729	1225	774	198 50	22 15	88
Opelousas District	182 60	358 85	*	.....	526 50	647 40	66 50	43 65	.....	166 10	21	116	876	1735	560	313 90	39 00	116
Total	1,803 65	1,094 15	...	789 45	15,421 30	2,245 00	1,063 00	298 00	536 00	4,686 95	131	833	5962	12,437	3891	1688 60	486 00	336
Last year	2,256 82	892 73	...	236 40	11,460 35	681 60	1,295 41	41 90	380 00	2,794 85	113	755	5214	12,586	3780	1913 82	677 97	235
Increase	.....	201 42	...	553 05	3,960 95	1,563 40	.....	256 10	156 00	1,892 10	18	78	748	.....	111	.....	.....	101
Decrease	453 17	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	232 41	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	149	.....	225 22	191 97	.....
French Mission, W. J. Picot	.....	.....	...	.....	130 00	.....	.....	25 00	.....	14 Bibles distributed. 24 Testaments distributed.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

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